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*Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable*

**FISCAL YEAR 2010**

(October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010)

# A/TCRRT STRUCTURE

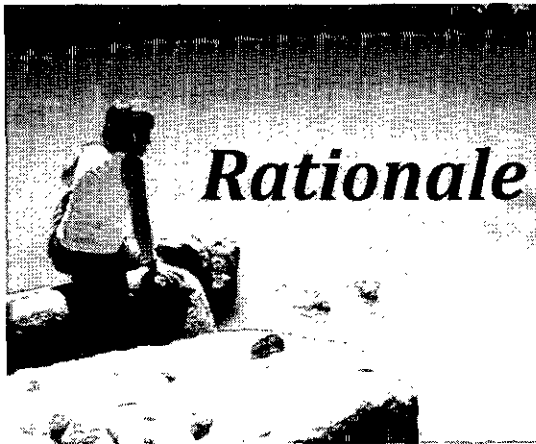


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*The mission of the Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable is to be a robust, community-wide collaborative and catalyst for systemic change that educates, facilitates and advocates to promote public safety through effective reentry and reintegration of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated persons.*



*Our rationale is that providing “second chance” opportunities for persons returning from incarceration, or involved in the criminal justice system, will cost effectively promote public safety by reduced recidivism.*



*If persons returning from incarceration, or involved in the criminal justice system, are given appropriate reentry and reintegration supports and services, they have more opportunity to successfully become law-abiding citizens in our community.*

***FY 2010  
A/TCRRT  
TARGETED AREAS***

- *Evidence Based Practices*
- *Funding Opportunities*
- *Housing*
- *Policy Reform*
- *Support Systems*

# KEY ACTIVITIES

Held **13 community forums**

Created, funded or provided technical assistance for **10 reports and a resource brochure related to arrest protocols when children are present**

Provided **14 strategies of advocacy** around reentry policy and created the **2011 Policy Reform agenda**

Tracked solicitations and dispersed information regarding **19 funding opportunities**, and provided grant development as well as **grant writing support for 4 applications related to reentry**

Provided specialized **technical assistance to local and national partners**

# KEY IMPACTS

APD and TCSO began revising arrest protocols and training for dealing with children who are present during arrests

Austin City Council adopted the NHCD FY 10-11 Action Plan that included permanent supportive housing in accordance with the FY 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan specifying the reentry population in the special needs section

Austin City Council adopted resolution supporting the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing

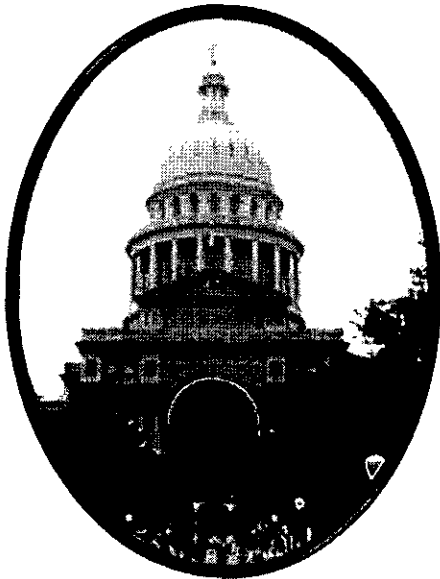
# KEY OUTCOMES

APD and TCSO Victim Service Divisions are disseminating the "Child Sensitive Arrest: A Guide for Caregivers" (January 2010)

Caritas of Austin: 10 units of PSH for persons exiting the State Jail (April 2010)

City of Austin's Comprehensive PSH Strategy included the recommendation that 225 of the 350 units be targeted toward "frequent users of systems" and including the criminal justice system (Sept. 2010)

Caritas of Austin in partnership with the Downtown Austin Alliance: Proposal for 20 units of PSH for frequent users of Downtown Austin Community (September 2010)



# POLICY REFORM COMMITTEE

- Annual Statewide Policy Reform Coalition
- Community Forums and Surveys
- FY 2010-2011 Policy Agenda
- Texas Reentry Task Force

## EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES COMMITTEE

- The Analysis of Reentry Services Project—A collaboration with the Crime Prevention Institute, Travis County Offender Workforce Development, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice which explored reentry service access through four focus groups to determine what housing, employment and other services are utilized, which services are most helpful, and how easily they are accessed.
- Research, Awareness and Technical Assistance to community stakeholders

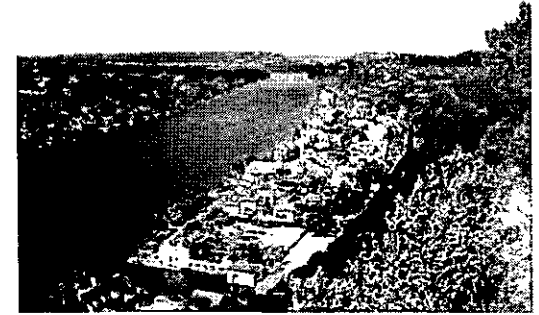
# SUPPORT SYSTEMS COMMITTEE



- The Children of Incarcerated Parents Bill of Rights Workshop
- Rights to Reality Project
  - ✓ Arrest Protocols
  - ✓ Visitation
  - ✓ “Rights to Reality: Key Informant Findings”

# HOUSING FOCUS AREA

- **Analysis of Private Sector Housing Provider Needs/Barriers**
- **Right at Home** technical assistance for implementation
- **Planning Advocacy**
  - ✓ Inclusion of permanent supportive housing in the City of Austin's Neighborhood & Community Development's 2010-2011 Action Plan
  - ✓ Summary document related to reentry population and psh to share with stakeholders to inform them on impact to reentry
  - ✓ Public testimony and written support for the inclusion of the reentry population and utilization of funds for development of permanent supportive housing
  - ✓ Relaxation of selection/eligibility criteria related to criminal background in local public housing authority's policy and procedure
- **Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) Financial Modeling** collaborative to provide an analysis on permanent supportive housing
- **Corporation for Supportive Housing Texas Reentry Initiative**
  - ✓ Phase I: Research which lead to reports and recommendations
  - ✓ Phase II: Implementation Plan reported in Funding Strategies for Permanent Supportive Housing for a Re-entry Population: A Funding Brief Related to the Austin/Travis County Corporation for Supportive Housing Texas Re-entry Project Recommendations





# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Tracking and dissemination of national, state, and local solicitations
- Dissemination of Request for Proposals and Foundation Announcements
- Consensus Building Forums
- Technical Assistance and grant writing supports

# A GLIMPSE AT THE NEW YEAR...

## **Organizational:**

- Expand membership
- FAQs
- Determine FY 2011 goals and objectives
- Revise By-laws
- Expand membership, committees & Planning Council
- Disseminate quarterly newsletters
- Host Community Forum
- Develop annual report

## **Policy Reform:**

- Participate in Statewide Reentry Conference
- Host information session for legislators/staff
- Prepare issue papers on 2011 policy priorities
- Track legislation during 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature
- Coordinate public testimony during session
- Provide training on advocacy strategies

## **Evidence Based Practices:**

- Develop multi-discipline and reentry specific
- Host two training seminars on EBP strategies
- Research projects with local colleges/universities

## **Support Systems:**

- Expand membership
- Determine FY 2011 goals and objectives

## **Housing:**

- Advocate for PSH for reentry population
- Provide technical assistance/support to ECHO

## **Funding Opportunities:**

- Track and disseminate funding solicitations
- Facilitate consensus building forums
- Provide technical assistance for applications

As doors of opportunity open to design, plan,  
and implement new reentry strategies, the  
A/TCRRT membership looks forward to  
bringing criminal/juvenile justice,  
behavioral health, human service, education,  
and advocacy stakeholders together to form  
partnerships that can break the cycle of  
recidivism while making Austin/Travis  
County a place where all citizens can live,  
work and play safely.